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SUBJ: EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE DISPUTE IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

1. FIRST CURRENT ISSUE DEALT WITH BY NEW SANYA GOVERNMENT AT CABINET MEETING JUNE 4 WAS THREAT OF DISRUPTION OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY BY GROWING EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE DIFFERENCES OVER SOLUTION TO CURRENT OVERPRODUCTION. ACCORDING TO EXTENSIVE PRESS ACCOUNTS, TEXTILE INDUSTRY BEING CONFRONTED WITH MOUNTING INVENTORIES AND OPERATING LOSSES BECAUSE OF DECLINING FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC SALES. PROPOSED INDUSTRY SOLUTION IS 25 PERCENT CUT IN PRODUCTION ACCOMPANIED BY CORRESPONDING LAYOFF OF WORKERS. LATTER, WHICH HAVE FORMED THEMSELVES INTO ASSOCIATIONS OF EMPLOYEES OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY AS PERMITTED BY LAW, HAVE CHARGED THAT MANAGEMENT IS USING THREAT OF REDUCED OUTPUT AND LAYOFFS TO PRESSURE RTG TO REDUCE TAX ON RAW MATERIAL IMPORTS. ASSOCIATION HAS SENT PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, NO LAYOFFS HAVE TAKEN PLACE YET.

2. CABINET AT JUNE 4 MEETING DIRECTED ONE OFFICIAL EACH FROM LABOR DEPARTMENT AND MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY TO MEET WITH TWO SIDES TO ATTEMPT CONVINCE THEM GOVERNMENT WILL DO ITS BEST TO FIND SOLUTION.

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3. COMMENT: CONCENTRATING OF MANY EMPLOYEES IN A FEW BUILDINGS

MAKES COMMUNICATION RELATIVELY EASY AND CONSEQUENTLY HEIGHTENS
THREAT OF POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION. MOREOVER, TEXTILE INDUSTRY
IS CENTERED IN BANGKOK AREA. FOR BOTH THESE REASONS AND
CONSIDERING LARGE NUMBER OF WORKERS INVOLVED, GOVERNMENT IS
JUSTIFIABLY SENSITIVE TO THIS PROBLEM. HOWEVER, OVERPRODUCTION
RESULTING FROM FALLING MARKETS NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO EASY REMEDIES.
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